

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This paper is in response to the Office Action dated September 8, 2004. This amendment is timely filed as it is accompanied by a petition for a three month extension of time and the requisite fees therefore, extending the response date to March 8, 2005.

Status of Claims:

Claims 1-60 are pending in the present application. With this amendment the Applicants request that claims 1-29, 40 and 47-60 are canceled without prejudice. Therefore, claim 30-39 and 41-46 are outstanding. With the Office Action of September 8, 2005, the Examiner has allowed claims 30-37 and objected to claim 40 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim.

Claim 38 and its dependent claims are allowable:

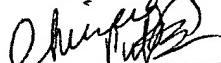
With this amendment Applicants have amended the independent claim 38 to include the limitations of the claim 40, which was indicated to be allowable in the Office Action. Therefore, claims 38 and its dependent claims are allowable.

Conclusion:

For the reasons cited above, it is respectfully submitted that the claims 30-37, 38, 39 and 41-46 are in condition for allowance. If, for any reason, the examiner is unable to allow the application in the next Office Action, the examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below to discuss this matter.

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